Construction of work on Pancheshwar and Kisau Dam

†841. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposed projects to be constructed on the basis of agreements entered into with various States and foreign countries in the State of Uttaranchal;

(b) whether work on Pancheshwar and Kisau Dam projects is likely to start in the current Five Year Plan; and

(c) if not, the steps his Ministry is going to take to remove the bottlenecks coming in way of construction of these dams?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) As per Mahakali Treaty signed in 1996 between Governments of India and Nepal Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project with installed capacity 5600 MW is proposed to be constructed in Uttaranchal. No agreement has so far been signed with any State for Projects to be constructed in Uttaranchal.

(b) It is unlikely that the construction of the Pancheshwar Project and Kisau Dam would start in the current X five-year plan.

(c) The efforts are being made to resolve the outstanding issues with Government of Nepal for preparation of Joint DPR of Pancheshwar Project. The progress on Kisau dam was reviewed on 12.4.2006 in the meeting of Upper Yamuna Review Committee headed by the Union Minister for Water Resources and having Chief Ministers of the six basin states (Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan & Himachal) as members. A "Steering Committee" with Secretary (WR), Secretary (Power), Secretary (E&F) and Secretaries of the concerned 6 States as members has been constituted on 22.5.2006 to plan the strategy to expedite the resolution of issues pertaining to Kisau and other dams in Upper Yamuna.

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